

## BOOK NOTICES

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MARK C. TEBBITT. 2005. **Begonias: Cultivation, Identification, and Natural History.** (ISBN 0-88192-733-3, hbk.). Published in association with the Brooklyn Botanic Garden and Timber Press Inc. 133 S.W. Second Ave, Suite 450, Portland, OR 97204-3527, U.S.A. (Orders: www.timberpress.com, mail@timberpress.com, 503-227-2878, 1-800-327-5680, 503-227-3070 fax). \$34.95, 272 pp., 212 color photos and water color paintings, b/w line drawings, 7" × 9".

Aside from the chapters on introduction, general cultivation techniques and five appendices, there is a good deal of useful taxonomic information provided. There is a key to the sections of *Begonia* represented in cultivation as well as keys to species within sections. Each species has a very nice botanical description. Appendix E (New Combinations and Synonymy) includes four new combinations: *Begonia conchifolia* Dietrich f. *rubrimaculata* (J. Golding) M.C. Tebbitt, **comb. nov.**; *Begonia modestiflora* Léveillé var. *hypoleuca* (L.A. Lauener) M.C. Tebbitt, **comb. nov.**; *Begonia modestiflora* Léveillé var. *sootepensis* (Craib) M.C. Tebbitt, **comb. nov.**; *Begonia modestiflora* Léveillé var. *thorelii* (Gagnepain) M.C. Tebbitt, **comb. nov.**

This will be a useful book to *Begonia* gardeners and botanists alike.

MARY E. GERRITSEN and RON PARSONS. 2005. **Masdevallias: Gems of the Orchid World.** (ISBN 0-88192-737-6, hbk.). Timber Press Inc. 133 S.W. Second Ave, Suite 450, Portland, OR 97204-3527, U.S.A. (Orders: www.timberpress.com, mail@timberpress.com, 503-227-2878, 1-800-327-5680, 503-227-3070 fax). \$45.95, 299 pp., color photos, b/w line drawings, 7 1/2" × 10".

Masdevallias are fascinating and beautiful plants. This book could easily serve as a coffee table book to "wow" friends. A key to the subgenera and sections of *Masdevallia* is included.

Contents—Introduction, The History of the Genus *Masdevallia*, *Masdevallia* Form and Function, Growing Masdevallias, *Masdevallia* Propagation: Hybridization, What Is in a Name?, Showing Masdevallias, Genera related to *Masdevallia*, Subclassification of *Masdevallia*, Featured *Masdevallia* Species, *Masdevallia* Hybrids, Appendix I (Registered *Masdevallia* Hybrids), Appendix II (Species and Culture), Glossary, Nurseries and Flasking Services, Further Reading, and Index.